THE

RAGGED SCHOOL UNION QUARTERLY RECORD.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED

"THE RAGGED SCHOOL UNION MAGAZINE."

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

"He that makes a child happy for half an hour is a co-worker with God."

"In heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."

VOLUME VIII. NEW SERIES.

LONDON:
RAGGED SCHOOL UNION, 12 AND 13, EXETER HALL;
KENT & CO., PATERNOSTER ROW;
AND ALL BOOKSELLERS.

TO OUR READERS.

THE Ragged School Union has completed a term of thirty-nine years. For thirty-five years this Society has maintained and published a record of its work, which has been an organ of opinion on great social questions, and a source of inspiration to benevolent enterprise.

The number of children under instruction has increased, and the voluntary workers also, the numbers being 37,534 children, and 3,211 teachers. This is a most hopeful sign, and indicates not only a maintenance of vitality, but a sign of riper power.

Whatever may be the extent to which education may be carried amongst the poor, this Society feels that they may claim the credit for having pointed the way to this better state of things, and for having created a stable platform on which the Government of the country could rear a solid educational structure. For proof of this the several volumes issued by this Society need only to be rapidly scanned.

Flower Shows and Industrial Exhibitions, Penny and Farthing Banks, are, it will be seen, carried on with great spirit and manifest advantage to young and old in many of our schools. These institutions for the poorest, which owe to Ragged Schools their origin, have now widely enlarged their area, and are working a sure but silent revolution in the homes and hearts of the poor. Youths' Institutes, combining instruction and amusement, are on the increase.

The providing through the Ragged School Union of a day's outing for such poor children as, through the want of means of certain local schools, could not be otherwise provided, was this year extended, through the liberality of friends, to over 3,000 children, whilst other institutions received a subsidy for this purpose.

This Society has also, through the liberality of a lady, sent many children for a fortnight for a run among the lanes and in the fields of Gosfield, near Halstead.

During the winter some Magic Lantern Entertainments were given to over 1,500 children, while instrumental and vocal music heightened the charm.

Owing to the spread of School Boards, an erroneous opinion had been generated touching Ragged School work, and an opinion had become current among the misinformed as to the non-necessity of such institutions. To consider and combat such an opinion a Conference was held, at which papers were read by gentlemen eminent from their position and practical knowledge, while the Duke of Westminster, Earl Carns, Earl Aberdeen, Samuel Morley, Esq., M.P., John MacGregor, Esq., and others spoke in support of the Resolutions which were founded on the papers. A report of these papers and speeches is bound up with the present volume.

The past year was memorable for the closer union of the provincial workers with those of the metropolis. It is hoped this initial co-operation may lead to wider sympathy and closer contact between all engaged in this great missionary work.

The Society's funds are still in need of that continued and healthful support which flows from Annual Subscriptions.

In conclusion, we will strike a tuneful note of praise to the Giver of all good for the preservation of the life of our noble President, and for the maintenance of his active powers, which has enabled him during the past year to continue and even to multiply his labours.

R. J. C., *Editor.*

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
A Happy Thought	136
A Ragged Parliament	1
A Ragged Parliament in Session	89
A Social Gathering in Grosvenor Square	92
A Working Lads' Institute for Devonport	35
Abney Working Girls' Institute	34
About Some Poor Children	54
Address to Teachers by C. H. Spurgeon	151
Anniversary Festival, Field Lane	169
Another Note of Cheer	176
Christmas Day at Field Lane	78
Christmas Festivities	78
Christmas Tree at Stephen-the-Yeoman	80
Conferences of Ragged Schools at George Yard and Morton Road	148, 155
Correspondence	40, 123
Children's Demonstration, Manchester	185
Donkey Show, Costers'	183
Flower Services, Sermon Lane	159
,, ,, King Edward Street	159
Flower Sermon, Chequer Alley	160
Flower Show, Ernest Street	24
,, ,, Marigold Place	164
,, ,, Nichol Street	165
Gray's Yard Ragged Church and Schools	79
Hamond Square	23
Harvest Festival	23
Hatfield Street	25
Holiday House	61
Industrial Exhibitions	22
Industrial Work	148
In Praise of Ragged Schools	96
Kent Street Ragged School	27
Latymer Road Mission	60
Little Things (Poetry)	177
Lower Park Road Ragged School	34
Magic Lanterns and French Hand Organs	178
Marigold Place, Flower Shows	164
,, ,, Presentations	179
Mary Baring Rest, The	166
Mission to Prisoners	171
Mundella, Mr., M.P.	31
Nelson Street, Presentations and Increased Accommodation	186
Night Schools for Neglected Children in Rome	2
Notices of Books	38, 39, 40, 76, 77, 126, 127
Notices of Meetings :—	
Nelson Street — King Edward Schools — Reopening of the Morley Arms British Workman, Tredegar Road, Bow	41
Kentish Town Mission	42
Lambeth Ragged School—Rufford's Row Mission	43
Brunswick Street Ragged School	44
Board Schools and Sunday Night Schools—Sermon Lane—Dove Row—West Greenwich	82

In Memoriam :—	PAGE
Mr. John Levland	36
Mr. Thomas Williams	36
Mrs. S. James	36
Mr. Andrew Provan	74
Mr. Smithies	181
Mrs. Oakley	180

PAGE

Notices of Meetings—*continued*:—
Falstaff Yard—Nelson Street—Limehouse—The Earl of Shaftesbury and the Boys' Institutes . 83
Old Pye Street, Westminster . . 84
Dr. Barnardo's Annual Gatherings—A Teacher and his Class at Tea together—Mildmay Avenue . 85
Fox Court—Brackley Street Mission—Tower Hamlets Mission . 86
Harley Hall 87
Poplar Ragged School—Millwall Mission 127
Sermon Lane 128
Hatfield Street Ragged School—Deptford Ragged School . . . 129
Fox and Knot Schools 130
North Street, Maida Hill, Industrial and Ragged Schools 131
George Yard Ragged Schools . . 132
Hornsey Road Ragged School—Ogle Mews 133
New Tothill Street—Field Lane . 136
Field Lane 183
Oak Lodge — Nelson Street — Somers Town 186

Old Scholars' Meeting 25

PAGE

Presentations 24
Proceedings of the Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Ragged School Union 97

Ragged Church and Chapel Union 115
Ragged Schools at Hampton Court 168
Ragged School Teachers in Conference 5
Ragged School Union Conferences . 47
Reaping 63, 124, 175
Recreation: What should it be? . 155
Refuge, Strangeways 184

Shoeblacks 20
Shoeblacks at the Seaside . . . 174
Stephen-the-Yeoman Ragged School 113

Testimonials and Presentations 117, 120
The Annual Jollification 112
The Coming Conference 45
The Dwelling Places of the Poor . 64
The Right Hon. W. E. Forster on Education 29

West Greenwich Ragged Schools 15, 33, 179
With the Young in Foreign Parts . 57
Youths' Institutes 121

DONATIONS and SUBSCRIPTIONS in aid of Ragged Schools will be thankfully received the OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY, by the Secretary, Mr. J. KIRK, 12 and 13, Exeter Hall, Strand; by Messrs. HATCHARD & SON, 187, Piccadilly; Messrs. NISBET & Co., 21, Berners Street; and by the Bankers, Messrs. BARCLAY, BEVAN, & Co. Lombard Street.

Money Orders should be made payable at the Post Office, Charing Cross, London, to Mr. J. KIRK.

PAGE
. 24
th
ed
. 97
on 115
rt 168
n-
. 5
. 47
24, 175
. 155
. 184
. 20
. 174
ol 113
17, 120
. 112
. 45
. 64
on
. 29
33, 179
. 57
. 121
received
er Hall,
Berners
, to Mr.

A Group of Art Models.

[*See page 4.*